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REMARKS

Telephonic Interview

Applicant thanks Examiner Gilbert for his time and courtesy during the recent telephonic interview.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC §103

On page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 15-22 and 25-28 under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Cole *et al.*, in view of Nonaka *et al.* and Blosser *et al.*. This rejection is traversed.

The arguments presented in a June 26, 2003 response to the previous office action are repeated herein. In response to these arguments, the Examiner noted that the claims do not include reference to the instant table positioned over a stable floor – one central argument distinguishing the present invention over the prior art in the June 26, 2003 response. By way of the above amendment, independent claims 15 and 25 have been amended to include specific reference to the stable floor over which the instant table is positioned. The remaining rejected claims depend from claims 15 and 25 and for at least the same reasons are also considered allowable. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection is requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner indicated that claims 23 and 24 are allowable which Applicant notes with appreciation.

Conclusion

A full and complete response to the outstanding Final Office Action is believed to have been made. The Examiner is welcome to contact the undersigned for any reason. Consideration of the above and allowance of the application in light thereof is respectfully requested. The above amendments do not contain new matter.

The present response is intended to correspond with the Revised Amendment Format. Applicant understands that with the Revised Amendment Format, the provisions of 37 CFR §1.121 are waived. Should any part of the present response not be in full

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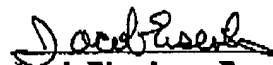
compliance with the requirements of the Revised Amendment Format, the Examiner is asked to contact the undersigned for immediate correction.

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